



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### WE'RE STILL GROWING

Our biggest news this time is that we have another Auxiliary. Merced has been organized, with twenty-four charter members. Mrs. Ernest Bickell of Livingston is their President, and Mrs. Hugo Haas of Dos Palos is Vice-President. Our sincere congratulations to our new Auxiliary, and to their District Councilor, Mrs. Kendall B. Holmes of Fresno, who has worked so energetically in creating this new group.

That means that we now have 32 Auxiliaries out of a possible 40. Our latest count shows that we have 5,853 members, while the California Medical Association has 12,795. The Los Angeles County Auxiliary has reached a record high of 1,660, but the County Medical Society has 5,490 members. Our membership chairmen throughout the state have done a magnificent job this year, but it is apparent that we will need the interest and cooperation of all of our doctors if we are to reach that elusive goal, "Every eligible doctor's wife an Auxiliary member."

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### HELP FOR CEREBRAL PALSID CHILDREN

For many years, one of the most gratifying projects carried on by our San Luis Obispo County Auxiliary is their work with the Chris Jespersen School for Cerebral Palsied Children. This year, the members made a 30-inch nylon-stuffed doll which the youngsters will use as a training aid in learning to dress themselves. The members are now working on a boy-doll for the school. This project rated a notice in our national *Bulletin*, as did the series of dinner-programs sponsored by the Los Angeles County Auxiliary. The *Bulletin* editors go through all the state publications, searching for newsworthy items.

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### NURSE RECRUITMENT CONTINUES TO GROW IN CALIFORNIA

We have already told you about many of the counties doing outstanding work in nurse recruitment. Yuba-Sutter-Colusa counties, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. James Hamilton, did an intensive recruitment job for three weeks. Eleven high schools were visited and a large number of girls were interviewed. Out of that group, 24 girls have decided on nursing as a career.

Sacramento County, of course, has long been a

leader in nurse recruitment; they award twenty \$100 scholarships each year—sometimes more, if there is a demand for them.

Butte-Glenn counties, too, give an annual scholarship of \$250, and they also sponsor a Future Nurses' Club and show films on nursing at the junior and senior high schools in their counties. In Marin County, the parents as well as the students are invited to attend the movie and panel discussion presented by the Auxiliary for junior and senior high schools.

Stanislaus County has two Future Nurses' Clubs, and three more are being organized. An annual fashion show provides funds for their scholarships for student nurses. Four scholarships of \$250 each are awarded annually by the Contra Costa Auxiliary.

Five girls from Monterey-San Benito counties are in training as student nurses because of the \$150 scholarship each has received from the Auxiliary there. Much of this money was raised at a tea and display of Christmas arrangements and table settings which the group sponsored in December.

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### GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS IS OUR GOAL

In everything we do and say, our ultimate objective is to create and maintain good public relations for the medical profession. It is pleasant to report that many of our county Medical Societies take an active interest in helping us to achieve this goal. In Orange County, for instance, a group of doctors presented a panel discussion for the Auxiliary on "What the Doctor Feels His Wife Should Know About Public Relations."

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### WE ARE HOSTESSES FOR MEDICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

Typical of the cooperation between our Auxiliaries and the County Medical Societies is the assistance given by the Imperial Auxiliary when their Society held a postgraduate seminar at the Pioneers' Hospital in Brawley, by serving as hostesses and providing recreation for the visiting wives. The members also staffed the Medical Society's booth at the county fair.

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### JUNE ISSUE WILL SUMMARIZE THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

The final page in this series of twelve monthly reports will present the highlights of our accomplishments during the past year. Mrs. Matthew Hosmer, our new State President, will begin her reports in the July issue.

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